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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON UNEF EXTENSION

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1. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON UNEF RENEWAL WAS ON WHOLE
ROUTINE AND WITHOUT SURPRISES--EXCEPT THAT
EGYPTIAN AMB MEGUID CARRIED EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG ATTACK
TO ISRAEL AFTER ISRAELI AMB TEKOAH BEGAN EXCHANGE.
THRUST OF EGYPTIAN ARGUMENT WAS THAT ISRAEL WAS TO BLAME
FOR SUSPENSION OF KISSINGER NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT US
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE KNEW IT. EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID
SAID "US HAS ITSELF BLAMED ISRAEL FOR ITS INTRANSIGENCE
WHICH LED TO THE BREKDOWN OF THE NEGOTIATIONS." HE WENT
ON TO PARAPHRASE PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS FOLLOWING SEC-
RETARY'S RETURN THAT CAUSE OF PEACE WOULD HAVE
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BEEN BETTER SERVED HAD ISRAEL SEEN IT IN ITS INTEREST TO

BE MORE FLEXIBLE. HE THEN QUOTED AMERICAN PRESS AND ACADEMICIANS AT LENGTH TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TIDE OF AMERICAN OPINION WAS TURNING AGAINST ISRAEL.

2. ISRAELI AMB TEKOAH ARGUED THAT KISSINGER MISSION FAILED BECAUSE EGYPTIANS WERE UNWILLING TO MAKE "MODEST GESTURE" OF ISSUING NON-BELLIGERENCE DECLARATION. TEKOAH ALSO ARGUED THAT EGYPT HAD NO RIGHT TO CURTAIL UNILATERALLY UNEF'S DURATION SINCE PRESENCE OF FORCE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF JANUARY 18 DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

3. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS REGRETTED FAILURE OF SECRETARY'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. UK IN PARTICULAR EXPRESSED "GREAT ADMIRATION" FOR SECRETARY'S EFFORTS AND SAID "NO ONE COULD HAVE DONE MORE TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT."

4. HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER STATEMENTS, INCLUDING INTERMINABLE SOVIET-CHINESE EXCHANGE OF RECRIMINATIONS, BEING REPORTED BY UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY.

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